

### REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in the above-identified application.

Claims 1-11 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention.

The abstract has been amended to more particularly disclose the invention and to conform to the single paragraph requirement.

### CONCLUSION

Favorable action is most earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions, or wishes to discuss this matter, please contact the undersigned at the telecommunication numbers listed below.

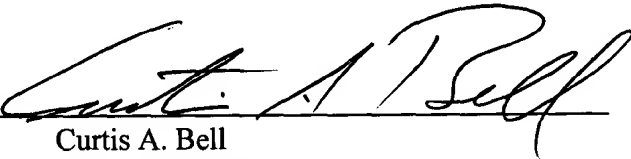
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ABSTRACT

A SWEETENING COMPOSITION AND ITS USES

The invention relates to a sweetening composition characterised in that it comprises: a) at least one not very soluble compound with a solubility in water of less than 60 g per 100 g of solution at 20°C; and b) at least one anti-crystallising agent comprising a fraction of at least one oligosaccharide or polysaccharide chosen from the group consisting of starch hydrolysates with a molecular weight in the range 500 to 8000 Daltons and having a glass transition temperature of less than 140°C at a water content of 0% and pyrodextrins and polyglucoses with a molecular weight in the range 1000 to 8000 Daltons, individually or as a mixture thereof.

The invention also relates to the use of such a composition for the manufacture of boiled sugars or as a flavouring carrier.